GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the pesticide/insecticide and other banned substances have been found in soft/cold drinks in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken against the manufacturers of such soft/cold drinks;

(c) whether the Government has issued certain directions/guidelines to all States/ UTs and Central Government Food Laboratories to monitor the level of pesticides and take samples of carbonated water and water used in manufacturing of carbonated drinks by the soft drink companies as per Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the compliance of regulation/provision by cold/ soft drink manufacturers under PFA Rules, 1955?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): No separate data w.r.t. cases of presence of pesticide/insecticide and other banned substances in soft/cold drinks is maintained centrally by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). However, as per the information made available by State/UT Governments to FSSAI, numbers of samples of food items including soft/cold drinks, analysed, found not conforming to the prescribed standards and action taken during the year 2016-17@, are as under:-
No. of samples analysed 42857
No. of samples found non conforming to the prescribed standards 7515
No. of criminal cases launched 664
No. of civil cases launched 4030
No. of convictions 288
No. of cases of Penalties 1049
Amount raised by penalties (in rupees) 4,49,43,648

@ information not received from Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Daman & Diu, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) & (d): The Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 has come into effect from 5th August, 2011. The Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955 stood repealed with commencement of the FSS Act. FSSAI takes up the issue of effective implementation and enforcement of the provisions of FSS Act, Rules and regulations thereunder with the State authorities through intermittent communications and interactions during the meetings of the Central Advisory Committee in which Commissioners of Food Safety of all States and UTs are represented. Regular surveillance, monitoring, inspection and random sampling of food products , including soft/cold drinks, are undertaken by the officials of Food Safety Departments of the respective States/ UTs to check that they comply with the standards laid down under FSS Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder. In cases, where the food samples are found to be non-conforming, recourse is taken to penal provisions under Chapter IX of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.